

SPECIAL MEETING – MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
April 5, 2010

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the special meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 6:30 p.m. in Buchanan Auditorium at the Mansfield Public Library.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Haddad, Keane (7:05 p.m.), Kochenburger, Lindsey, Moran, Paterson, Paulhus, Ryan, Schaefer

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to move Item 6, Other, as the next item of business and to recognize members of the Library Advisory Board. Motion passed unanimously.

Chair of the Library Advisory Committee Sheila Clark asked the Council to consider returning to the past practice in Mansfield and the current practice of other towns in Connecticut of allowing the Library Director discretion in determining the best way to incorporate budgetary cuts. Council members discussed the action of the previous Council during the last budget cycle and the role of setting policy for the library.

Flag – Library Director to update and resubmit her ideas on the best way to make the required budget reductions.

Flag - Library Director to compare the circulation experience of last year with those of previous times in the past when library hours were cut.

II. OPERATING TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS

Director of Finance Cherie Trahan explained the purpose of this program is to show the General Fund contribution to other Town funds. These funds often have significant revenue sources and are dedicated for a specific activity, i.e. Parks and Recreation, Downtown Partnership, debt service, etc.

Flag – The Director of Finance will distribute information showing when the school debt, if issued, would affect the budget.

III. INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS

Staff reviewed the status of the health insurance fund, worker's compensation fund, and management services fund.

Flag - Assistant to the Town Manager will provide the percentage of employees who take advantage of the wellness program.

IV. OTHER AGENCIES/FUNDS

Staff reviewed the status of the daycare fund, the health district fund and cemetery/long term investment pool.

V. OTHER

See above

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VI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk

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